

Accreditation and Recognition panel member

Name: Rebecca Waton

Team member

**Job title: Community Pharmacist – MG & AD Burdon Ltd (Lynemouth Pharmacy),
Academic Tutor, University of Sunderland**

Having initially gained a BSc (Hons) in Pharmacology from Newcastle University, Rebecca took a break from academic study in retail and customer service. Having decided she wanted to combine this with her interest in Pharmacology she enrolled on the MPharm at Sunderland University. She graduated in July 2015 and completed a split pre-registration year in community pharmacy and academia provided by both her current employers. It was her desire to continue working in both fields, and this is where she still is today. Her role within the University has recently taken on further responsibilities teaching on both the MPharm and OSPAP courses. In the community pharmacy she is now working in Northumberland with an interest in providing more and better-quality access to the additional services currently available.

It is Rebecca's intention to become an independent prescriber within the next few years. As her role within academia develops, she is interested in further research into expanding and improving communication between general practitioners and community pharmacists in regards to improving patient care.